

FCC,

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election! This is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and has an obligation, by law, to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that I see real people from my own community and more substantive news about issues that matter to me.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.

Astarte Keranen